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REVISED: Excelsior Series Finals Set for Sept. 11 at Tioga Downs

NICHOLS, N.Y. – The New York Sire Stakes Excelsior Finals head to Tioga Downs this Friday, one day prior to the \$1.8 million New York Sire Stakes Finals at Yonkers Raceway. With \$400,000 in purse money up for grabs Friday, the event will kick off a weekend of season-ending competition for the top 2- and 3-year-olds bred in the state. The full list of entries can be found [here](#).

Heading into the finals, **Just Joshing** leads the division for 2-year-old filly trotters with two wins and two second place finishes in four starts. Dresden is the morning line favorite among 2-year-old filly pacers, also with a pair of wins through two starts.

Undefeated in four starts, **Barn Hall** is the horse to beat in the 2-year-old colt trot. The freshman has won more than \$34,000 for trainer Steven Pratt. **Isaac**, undefeated in three Excelsior starts, leads among 2-year-old colt pacers.

C And T's Credit is looking to pull the double in the 3-year-old filly trot. She won her Final last year and may be poised to do so again as she sits atop her division. The 3-year-old trotting colt to watch is **Conquest AS**. He has four wins in five starts, with a second-place finish rounding out his season record. The horse is in a competitive division with trainer entries from George Ducharme and Anette Lorentzon.

Bolt Of Beauty will hope to fend off challengers to the crown for 3-year-old pacing fillies in one of the most competitive divisions in this year's series. The same can be said for **Levine** who holds a narrow lead atop the points standings for 3-year-old pacing colts.

Owners who wish to attend in-person must email brisi@tiogadowns.com to reserve space no later than Thursday (today) at 5 p.m. Post time on Friday is 3 p.m.

About the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund:

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